

actions of Carleton committed while in the course and scope of his employment. (ECF No. 1-3) The Petition consists of four state law claims, alleging that BSA and GSLAC are liable in connection with certain personal injury torts (Count I - Agency, Count II -Negligence, Count III – Assault and Battery, and Count IV – Punitive Damages), stemming from the abuse Plaintiff suffered. On February 18, 2020, all three Defendants filed separate Answers. (ECF Nos. 6-8)

BSA filed its Notice of Removal¹ removing the instant action to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 1452(a) and Rule 9027 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, arguing that this action is related to the Bankruptcy Case, and that Plaintiff's Petition arises in or arises under the Bankruptcy Case. (ECF No. 1) "The Action is one of more than 290 similar civil actions currently pending in state and federal courts across the country that assert personal injury tort claims against BSA and various non-debtor co-defendants arising from the alleged abuse of a former youth or adult member of the BSA either by an adult scouting leader, an adult volunteer, or by another youth member (such cases and claims together, the 'Pending Abuse Actions')." (ECF No. 1 at 2, ¶ 2)

On that same date, BSA filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware ("Bankruptcy Case"). See In re Boy Scouts of America, Lead Case No. 20-10343 (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 18, 2020). As a result, certain personal injury actions against BSA, including the instant case, were stayed under the automatic stay provision of 11 U.S.C. § 362(a). Additional consent orders continued to stay this instant action through May 18, 2020, through September 28, 2021. (ECF Nos. 16, 18, 27, 29, and 31)

In the Notice of Entry of Order ...Further Extending the Termination Date of the Standstill Period, BSA provides a status report on the pending bankruptcy proceeding, reporting that this

¹ Neither GSLAC nor Carleton joined in the removal petition.

action has been and continues to be stayed as against BSA and GSLAC, up to and including the date of the first omnibus hearing after the Bankruptcy Court issues its decision confirming or denying confirmation of the Plan. (ECF No. 34) Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the instant action is stayed until the date of the first omnibus hearing after the Bankruptcy Court issues its decision confirming or denying confirmation of the Plan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED all proceedings against BSA and GSLAC are hereby stayed pending the resolution of the bankruptcy proceedings filed by BSA or further order from this Court. The parties shall file a joint status report on February 16, 2022, and every ninety days thereafter regarding the status of the bankruptcy proceedings in In re Boy Scouts of America, Lead Case No. 20-10343 (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 18, 2020).

/s/ **John M. Bodenhause**
JOHN M. BODENHAUSEN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated this 18th day of November, 2021.